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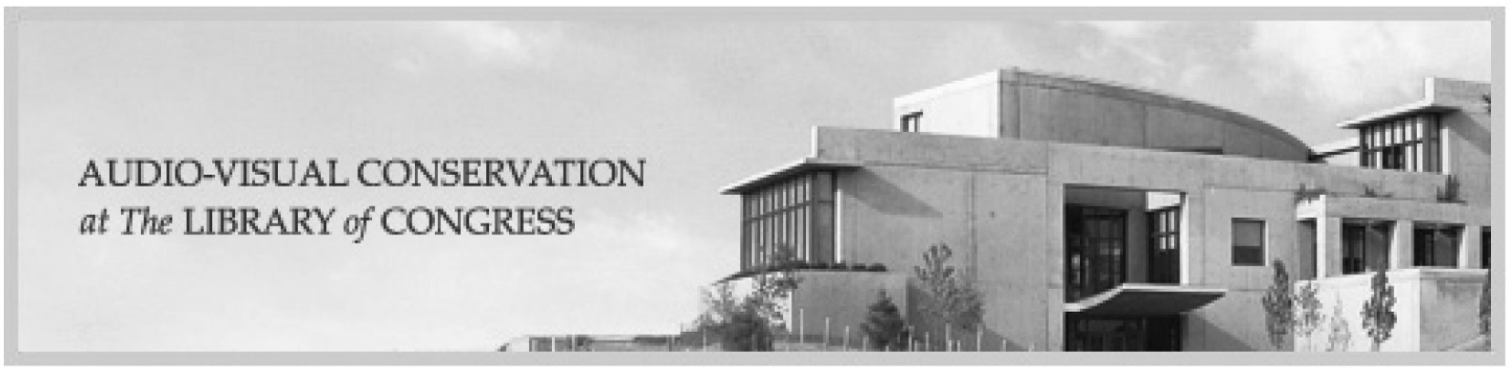

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THE TRAITOR

The United States Commandant at Panama is greatly worried when he receives a cold message from his superiors in Washington stating that a special messenger with information about the weakness in the canal defenses is leaving Washington and he awaits his arrival with anxiety. This special messenger is Captain Ralph Payne of the engineers. He has been chosen by the army for the duty and the message has been sewed in the shoulder of his military coat. The message is written invisible ink and the chemical wafers which will render this visible are placed in a locket which Payne is also given, with instructions to guard carefully. Colonel Dare is his superior officer and has a friendly feeling for the young captain. His feeling is shared by Pearl Dare, daughter of the Colonel and when Payne, after leaving the armu conference is going to the hotel, he meets Pearl and promises to dine with her and make one of the party to accompany her to the ball of the Grenadian Embassy.

After making the engagement, Payne goes to his hotel and when he goes to his room, finds a note in his own handwriting which reads:"The left shoulder strap and the locket reveal the hiding place of the secret. Take a tip in time." Payne at once returns to the conference and explains the situation to the staff members. They decide to have his coat watched by secret men so that there will be no danger of the loss of either the locket or the secretpplans. At Payne's hotel, the Silent Menace appears to the hotel valet and threatens him and commands that the communications be secured when he returns Payne's evening clothes. Payne is seated writing at the desk when the valet returns his dress clothes. His service coat in which the locket and secret plans are concealed hangs on a clothes tree and Payne, suspicious of him, talks to him sharply and tells him to leave themon the bed. When the valet leaves the room carrying a uniform coat on his arm, Payne goes to the clothes tree and feels in the shoulder of his uniform coat, a paper.

The Silent Menace visits the Grenadian Embassy that night during the ball and makes a suggestion to the Ambassador whom he finds alone in the study. The Ambassador shrinks from the suggestion and as he talks, he reaches for a glass of water. The Silent Menace pours the water for him and in doing so manages to drop poison into the glass. The Ambassador drinks and is overcome by the drug.

Major Brent, an officer in Colonel Dare's regiment, also is in love with Pearl Dare. The night of the ball, the shadow of Brent's past creeps into his present and Bertha Bond, a girl whom he knew when he was a lieutenant at an army post in the west, demands money from him saying that Captain Payne would pay her handsomely for the secret of Brent's past for proof of his relations with her. By a message from Colonel Dare, Pearl insists on accompanying him to her father and they go to the library of the Grenadian Embassy where they find the Ambassador dead. Under the dead Ambassador's hand is a note to Payne thanking him for the service the latter has rendered Grenada.

Payne and Pearl dance many dances together. They are in the conservatory and Payne is asking Pearl to be his wife when they are interrupted. Colonel Dare, suspicious of Payne, asks for the message and the wafers. Pearl, the Colonel and a secret service man accompany Payne to his hotel and when the coat containing the message is ripped open a piece of newspaper is found instead of the secret plans, and the locket containing the chemical wafers is missing from the pocket of the coat. Payne is arrested for treason

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"FOUND GUILTY"

Captain Ralph Paine of the U. S. A. has been entrusted with a message of the Commander of the Panama Canal Zone. It discloses the weaknesses of the Canal defense and it can be made visible only by the use of two chemical wafers which were placed in a locket and also given to Paine. Under suspicious circumstances the message and locket disappear and Paine has been arrested for treason. Major Brent of Paine's regiment and his rival for the hand of Pearl Dare, daughter of the Colonel of the Regiment learns of Paine's disgrace when he sees him taken from the hotel under the guard of a secret service man. Immediately after Brent meets Pearl and her father, and Colonel Dare briefly details the circumstances and tells him to hold himself ready for duty. Brent goes to his room in the hotel there to find Bertha Bonn, a girl with whom he had an affair when he was a young lieutenant. She asks him for money. When he refuses her demand she tells him that she happens to own a locket and if he cannot find the money she will be forced to divulge its contents.

Brent notices with surprise the locket Bertha shows him which is a duplicate of the one containing the wafers which Paine lost. Since showing the locket does not impress Brent, Bertha opens it and shows him a small photograph of himself on which is written in Brent's handwriting, "To My Darling Wife, Thornton Brent". As he looks at the photograph he remembers when he first met Bertha the daughter of the Post Sergeant at the Western Army Post, their love for each other and the ending when Bertha left the Post secretly to hide her shame. The night she left Brent gave her the photograph and wrote on it as proof that he intended marrying her sometime. Brent did not meet Bertha until he was stationed in Washington and was the rival of Captain Paine for the hand of Pearl Dare. Then he saw her at some of the fashionable tea rooms and she threatened to reveal him.

Brent realizing that the miniature gave her the hold over him tried to take the locket from Bertha by force. As he is about to succeed an orderly knocks at the door telling him to report immediately to the War Office on orders of the Secretary of War.

Bertha secures the locket and fearing that Brent may succeed in his efforts to get possession of it deposits it in the hotel safe. She puts the receipt given her by the hotel clerk in her handbag.

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(Found Guilty)

"The Silent Menace" whose machinations are responsible for the disappearance of the plans and the locket appears at Bertha Bonn's room in the hotel and securing possession of the receipt for her locket leaves in its place the locket and the packet entrusted to Captain Paine together with a note purporting to be from Paine threatening Bertha with death if she does not hasten with the locket and the packet to the Grenadian Frontier. Bertha finds the packet and locket and after reading the note prepares to start for Grenada.

Paine tried before a hastily convened court martial is found guilty of having disposed of the plans entrusted to him to the Grenadian Ambassador and is sentenced to the Federal Prison for life. He is ordered drummed out of the army as an example for other traitors.

Pearl Dare who is in love with Paine visits him in the guard house and tells him that she believes in him.

Before the assembled regiment Colonel Dare strips his insignia of rank from Paine's uniform and breaks his sword across his knee. Then Paine is drummed out of the regiment and is taken to a train on a siding and starts for the Federal Prison.

The train is wrecked and Bertha has escaped uninjured with the packet and the locket. Paine's guards are killed and a body identified as that of Paine is found in the wreckage. In the hand of this dead body is a penciled will signed "Ralph Paine" in which his fortune is left to Pearl Dare to be used in establishing his innocence and finding the person guilty of the crime for which he was convicted.

T.O. Adams of Monk's Corner, Nebr. appears from a day coach of the train and during the excitement that attends the wreck he demands the packet and the locket which he saw Bertha Bonn place in the bosom of her dress. She refuses to give them up and when he tries to take them from her by force she calls the trainmen to her assistance and the stranger disappears.

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"The Silent Menace"

Captain Ralph Paine a convicted traitor to his country has been lost in a railroad wreck. Bertha Bonn who has had an affair with Major Brent, Paine's rival for the hand of Pearl Dare has been commissioned to bear to the Grenadian border the defense plans of the Panama Canal apparently sold by Paine.

The train on which Paine is being taken to prison and on which Bertha Bonn is traveling to the border of Grenada was wrecked and T.O.Adams of Monk's Corner, Nebr. is seeking to obtain possession of the plans which are written in invisible ink and the chemical wafers which will render them visible. He tries to take them from Bertha by force but she calls the trainmen to her aid. Later Adams approaches her in the woods near the wrecked train and grapples with her on the edge of a cliff. She refuses to give up the papers telling Adams he is not "The Silent Menace". He says he is but as he makes this statement the shadow of the "Silent Menace" appears on a rock nearby and the "Silent Menace" creeping up behind Adams knocks him senseless and Adams falls over the precipice.

Pearl Dare receives news of Captain Paine's death and of his dying request that she clear his name. Major Brent, Paine's rival offers to help Pearl.

The wreck of the train occurred near a military training camp and the dead and injured are taken to the camp.Pearl Dare, her father Colonel Dare and Major Brent are ordered to the camp.

"The Silent Menace" after rescuing Bertha Bonn from Adams demands the packet and the locket. She says she will not give it up until he returns the photograph which belongs to her. This photograph the "Silent Menace" tells her is in Washington. He is about to take the packet and locket from Bertha by force when soldiers from the training camp arriving on the scene force him to flee.

The relations between the United States and Grenada have become strained. Orders of Colonel Dare and Major Brent are that they stop at the training camp for a short time and then continue to the Grenadian border. They reach the camp and on their way from the railroad station they discover Adams near the roadside. He is assisted to their motor car by the Dare party and taken to the camp.

Bertha Bonn also goes to the camp. She is given a cot in the hospital tent and later that night the "Silent Menace" cutting a hole in the canvass of the tent enters and secures the packet confided to Bertha's care. When he tries to take the locket he wakens

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Bertha and he is forced to flee dropping the locket as he runs.

Pearl Dare aroused by the excitement investigates and finds the locket. Bertha Bonn, Adams and Major Brent all claim the locket. Her father arriving on the scene tells her that the locket belongs to the United States government and as she is about to hand it to him the tent falls on the party and an overturned lamp sets it on fire.

Fighting the fire occupies the attention of the troops at the camp. Pearl Dare is rescued from the burning tent by Adams. Later on when Colonel Dare asks her for the locket she tells him someone snatched it from her when the tent fell.

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WAR CLOUDS

Valuable government plans and a locket containing chemical wafers to make the documents legible, entrusted to Captain Payne, were "lost". He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment. Pearl Dare, in love with Payne surprises the Silent Menace in her home; pursuing him, she stumbles onto a secret meeting place of the Foreign Alliance. Caught listening she eludes her pursuers and later boards the same train carrying Payne to prison. On that same train is Bertha Bonn, former sweetheart of Major Brent, now an emmissary of the Silent Menace; a struggle ensues in which the stolen plans falls into the hands of one T.O.Adams. Pearl and her faithful chauffeur, Toko, resolve on quick action against Adams and jump from a rock onto him. After they have laid him out, they cannot find the plans and leave the place. Then Major Brent appears and helps Adams away. They separate in the woods and Toko looks around with Pearl. Then the Silent Menace enters and takes the plans from under a rock near where Adams was hit. When Pearl and Toko get back home, she tells her father, Colonel Dare, about the incident and he promises to watch Adams. Then Adams comes in and requests to be allowed to enlist in the engineering corps which the Colonel is willing to do so that he can watch him more easily.

In the meantime Bertha Bonn goes back to her Washington hotel where she finds that her locket containing Brent's picture is still there so that again having her hold over Brent, she goes back to the concentration camp for the night. While she is asleep, she is awakened by a pull at the locket on her neck and she gets up. Outside the tent she is attacked by the Silent Menace who takes her locket but drops it in getting away from the soldiers that come up at the noise. He rushes around the corner of the tent and dives into the opening he made when he first tried to get the locket. At this point Pearl comes up hearing the noise and finds the locket on the ground only to have ot claimed by T.O.Adams -- then by Bertha. They all go into the tent and Brent comes along and knowing Bertha's hold on him by it, claims the locket. After that Colonel Dare enters and thinking it to be the locket that was given to Captain Payne, also claims it. While Pearl is debating with herself what to do, the tent collapses and catches on fire. Adams saves Pearl's life and the others escape unhurt but when they all meet, no one knows where the locket is as Pearl says that it was snatched from her hand whe the tent was falling.

Having in his possession the now legible canal plans and the locket containing the incriminating evidence against Brent, The Silent Menace calls a meeting of the Foreign Alliance. He points out to them the strength and the weakness of our defenses etc. and when he leaves with onw of his confederates to steal the plans of the Preparedness Committee, his automobile almost runs into Pearl's machine and she suspects something wrong in seeing the Silent Menace and follows them. They go to a government building and the Silent Menace gets in on a pass (as it is after hours) but the guards will not let Pearl pass. By a clever ruse in dropping her handkerchief she gets by the guards and rushes in. The Silent Menace, however, has done his work and is leaving when Pearl spies him and makes a dive at him. In the fight, Pearl is thrown down but the guards come up and prevent the Silent Menace from escaping by the main door. He starts for the roof but Pearl trips him and then chases after him and they have a fight in the tower. Pearl is thrown out and catches the gutter just in time to save her life but the Silent Menace eludes the guards and escapes with the plans. Pearl rushes back but it is too late and they can do nothing.

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America's enemy, the Silent Menace, presents to a meeting of the secret Foreign Alliance, a government reportton the unpreparedness of the nation. He urges that an immediate blow be struck. At the same time, it is decided to return a slightly changed copy of the Panama Canal Plans, stolen from Captain Ralph Payne. Pearl recovers by display of courage amounting almost to rashness, the Panama Canal plans stolen from Captain Ralph Payne and entrusted by the Silent Menace to one of his messengers. She turns them over to her father, but T.O.Adams, a new and strange figure in the case, substitutes a worthless envelope for the valued packet in Colonel Dare's pocket.

At Paso del Norte on the American Grenadian border, Colonel Dare establishes a patrol base. The town is attacked by Bolero, head of the Grenadian army, under orders from the Silent Menace. In the kaliedoscopic succession of thrills that follow, Pearl and Adams, who is acting as her father's orderly, are made prisoners in a secret cellar under Bolero's headquarters, the water works. A shell from an American gun bursts in the water works. Pearl and Adams are nearly drowned but find a means of escape just as Adams has seized her in his arms and kissed her.

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MAJOR BRENT'S PERFIDY

The episode opens with Pearl Dare asleep in a cave on the Grenadian border after her escape with T.O.Adams from Bolero, the revolutionist leader. While she is resting Adams steals her belt containing the Panama Canal defense plans. A note put at her side by the Silent Menace makes her aware of the theft and she follows Adams, takes him captive and recovers the plans.

In the meanwhile Major Brent and the searching party hunting for Pearl come upon Bertha Bonn and Pearl's chauffeur Toko. They are all attacked by a band of Grenadians and Brent, grasping at an opportunity to be rid of the woman he had betrayed, abandons Bertha, who with Toko, is taken prisoner. Bolero, the Rebel leader, upbraided by the Silent Menace for the loss of the canal plans, agrees to protect Bertha if Toko will recover the Canal plans, which he believes to be in the cellar of the Paso del Norte Hotel

where Adams and Pearl are supposed to have been drowned. Pearl delivers the plans to her father, who entrusts Major Brent with the mission of xx taking them to Washington. Pearl accopanies him. Aboard the train, Brent is attacked bynthe Silent Menace, who has knocked Brent unconscious. A second Silent Menace enters the scene, just as Pearl is thrown out of the car into the Rio Salvo station, which is under the fire of the Grenadians. The two Silent Menaces engage in a furious struggle on top of the moving train and, locked in each other's arms fall into a river below as the train passes over a high trestle.

Pearl, still clasping the plans, finds herself again confronted by the Silent Menace, who seize s them from her. A short time later Toko, her chauffeur, returns to Bolero with the plans with the explanation that he wrested them from the Silent Menace in a struggle in the Grenadian woods.

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FOR THE STARS AND STRIPES

This episode further complicates the mystery of the identity of the Silent Menace, the leader of the Foreign Alliance, who presides at meetings at which the division of the spoils is discussed.

Wounded in a fight on the northern express, which was bearing the canal plans to Washington, Major Brent, suitor for the hand of Pearl Dare, gets off at a way station to telephone the news of the holdup and robbery to the American headquarters on the border. As he is at the telephone the masked figure of the Silent Menace comes to the station. Hastily he strips the mask off his face and throwsthe disguise - the hat, wig and coat - at the feet of Brent. Pinned to the coat is a note reading:"Have I not imitated you well, Master?" Just at this moment, the soldiers hunting for the Silent Menace arrive and Brent hastily secrets the tell-tale evidence.

Meantime, Pearl Dare has been captured and taken to the Bolero camp, where Bertha Bonn and Toko, Miss Dare's chauffeur, are prisoners. T.O. Adams, the mysterious stranger, disguised as a member of the Mexican band, also arrives at the same camp. Adams discovers Pearl spying on the Silent Menace as he discusses with Bolero the plan for landing and invading force on the eastern coast. She is captured and sentenced in the morning to be shot by Adams.

At daybreak Pearl Dare is led out for the execution. Adams levels his rifle and, as he is about to fire, an excited shout announces the approach of the American troopers. Adams aims, but instead of firing at Pearl Dare he kills Bolero. The two them jump into the grave that has been dug for Pearl's body and fight off the bandits until the are rescued. The precious canal plans are returned to Colonel Dare, who thanks Adams for saving his daughter's life. He still suspects that Adams is the Silent Menace and determines to keep an even closer watch on him. The party returns to Washington.

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INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY

Back in Washington, Adams waits word from his chief while Pearl is engaged in fixing some roses that had been sent to her. One falls on the floor and Adams thinking that she does not notice him, picks it up and presses it to his lips. Toko also sees his act.

At the War Office Colonel Dare instructs Pearl over the telephone to open his big safe and bring to him the chemical wafers which will make the canal plans visible. Since there are undeveloped photographic plates in the safe it is necessary that she should open it in the dark. She does so. Suddenly she is attacked. In the furious struggle she recognizes the Silent Menace. He takes the wafers from her and escapes by means of a sensational leap through the window. When she recovers she realizes that she is holding something in her hand - something that she has evidently seized in the struggle. She slowly opens her palm and finds that it is a rose which a little while before she had seen in Adams' possession. Then to her amazement, disguised as an old woman, Adams mysteriously recovers the wafers. "Give them to your father," he said. "If I do not come back search for my body in the basement of the chemical building."

Pearl investigates, and to her surprise finds the Silent Menace and the Foreign Alliance holding a meeting in the Chemical Building. Adams is brought in, accused by a messenger of the Silent Menace as being the man who took the wafers from him. He is about to be shot when Pearl from her hiding place fires at the man who has raised his gun. Suddenly every window in the room comes smashing in and a squad of soldiers appear. At this moment one of the members of the Foreign Alliance hurls down a smoke bomb. The soldiers are blinded. When the smoke clears the plotters have disappeared leaving only their long black cloaks in the center of the floor. Brent realizes that the members have escaped by

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being dressed as American soldier underneath their cloaks. He commands his men to search. Pearl, Adams and a number of others in khaki start out by automobile. "It's no use, we've lost them" says Adams some time later. Suddenly he and Pearl are seized from behind by men who are apparently American soldiers but who are really members of the Foreign Alliance. Bound, they are taken to a boat in the harbor. As Pearl is imprisoned in the cabin, The Silent Menace enters and stands over her sardonically.

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THE MONROE DOCTRINE

After Pearl's mysterious disappearance, Bertha Bonn summons Major Brent to her Washington apartment. "If she is ever found, are your intentions the same regarding her?" asks Bertha. And the officer replies, "I intend to marry no matter what you may do." He does not know that the locket containing his signed photograph, Bertha Bonn's one hold upon him, has been stolen from her by the Silent Menace. Bertha realizes, however, that she can do nothing to prevent his marriage to Pearl if the latter will accept him. As they are talking, a mysterious hand comes in the window and unseen by Bertha, thrusts this note into Brent's hand: "The locket containing your photograph is in Dare's safe. You must secure it tonight." The note is signed by the Silent Menace. The ruse works and Brent prepares to recover the locket.

Meanwhile, on the schooner to which the Silent Menace had taken Pearl, the cabin boy is apparently disloyal for he releases Adams and tells him to bring aid to the Aines Building at twelve that night. In the Aines Building, the munitions makers from whom the Silent Menace expects to buy arms he needs to use against America, meet him. "Gentlemen" he says, "I know you will pardon my mask. My emperor has no wish to keep his identity a secret but he insists that I remain incognito. However we deal for cash." With these words he moves toward the large box which his men had brought in. As he lifts off the top, the cabin boy who had acted so mysteriously on the boat rises up with a bomb in hand. It is Pearl. Holding the men at bay she telephones her father and receives still further reason to doubt Adams when she learns that he has not taken her message to Colonel Dare.

As the soldiers surround the building, the Silent Menace realizes that he must do something desperate. With a quick movement he draws his revolver and fires at Pearl who is standing near the elevator shaft with the bomb in her hand. The bullet misses but she drops the bomb, wrecking the the building but Pearl catches a girder and saves herself.

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Pearl regards her suspicions of Major Brent as unfounded when she learns that the plans are still in her father's safe. As she returns them to Colonel Dare, who is standing by the window, a mysterious hand seizes them and they disappear.

After a chase the Silent Menace, for it is he, is apparantly cornered. He slips behind the building to elude his pursuers and a moment Adams comes out thrusting the plans in his pocket. Pearl orders him searched. Unnoticed, he pins the plans under the coat which Pearl is wearing and proves an alibi.

No sooner has he been released than someone - it is impossible to tell who - again steals the papers from Pearl. "We seem surrounded by enemies," she says. "They say Washington has twelve thousand lamp posts and I'll wager we could find a traitor to hang on every one."

The next day Pearl is amazed at the singular actions of her father's new secretary, Raymond. Dressed as a lamp lighter, he places a mysterious note in a certain lamp, from which it is obtained a few minutes later by the commander of the Silent Menace's army of spies. By means of field glasses, Pearl is able to read it. "Tell Renshaw to meet me at the West End hanger at seven tonight," it says. Pearl follows and learns that the Silent Menace's agent is going to fly by aeroplane to the Chemical Building, rob her father's safe of the wafers which will make the plans legible and escape in the way he has come,

Hastening to the Aero Club, she seeks someone who will take her by aeroplane to the Chemical Building. The secretary of the club approaches a man telling that the fate of the country depends upon Pearl getting there in ten minutes. The man turns and Pearl recognizes Adams. "I would rather go alone," she says. "Impossible" is the answer. "This is a new model and you do not understand it."

"I know you don't me," says Adams, "and won't believe me, but if there is any way I can help you or the country, my life is yours." Pearl realizes that the only way to get to the Chemical Building is to go with Adams. They set off at top speed in an attempt to overtake the other machine.

Meanwhile to attract attention away from the real point of attack the Silent Menace's henchmen make a threatening disturbance in front of the Chemical Building and thus it is that the "Cracker", the air-man who is working for America's enemies, is able to enter the building, blow open Colonel Dare's safe, get the wafers and start away.

Pearl and Adams in their machine see him and as they begin to overtake him, he realizes that he must ram them. With the two machines tearing through space at top speed, he turns and makes straight for Adams, who, realizing his intention, makes Pearl jump with the parachute.

The two machines crash together and fall blazing to the ground, where Pearl, some time later, discovers the Cracker's dead body, but sees no trace of Adams. Pearl finds the wafers in the Cracker's pocket and as she is about to again cover them and seize her wrists. It is the Silent Menace.

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A MILLION VOLUNTEERS

Having recovered the chemical wafers that will render legible the government's canal defense plans, Pearl has found herself face to face with the Silent Menace. He holds her tightly, takes the wafers from her by force and flees. Pearl hastens to her father to tell him that his new secretary Raymond, is a spy. A meeting is in progress at her father's house between Colonel Dare, Brent and the Secretary of War, with regard to mobilization plans. As Dare starts to put the copy of the plans in the safe, Pearl, who is close to him, happens to look up. On the wall there is the shadow of a man projected through the window by the sunlight outside. Brent sneaks around behind him, seizes him and finds that he is Adams nonchalantly smoking a cigarette and showing no ill affects from his aeroplane fall in the last episode. Though he satisfactorily explains that he has been to his quarters to change his clothes, Pearl still is suspicious.

Later Brent again comes to Pearl to press his suit for her hand. "I can't marry any one till I clear the name of Captain Payne," she says. "I feel the Silent Menace can prove his innocence. Capture him and bring him to me, then perhaps--". Brent leaves and Pearl is surprised to discover Adams listening. "I was in the study, Miss Dare," he says, "and couldn't help hearing. Do not marry that man. He does not love you and is only after your money." Pearl berates him but Adams is insistent. "I can prove what I say," he tells her but Pearl refuses to listen to him. To prove his statement, Adams enlists the aid of Bertha Bonn. Together they start for Pearl's house to tell the truth about Brent, The latter, meanwhile, is amazed to discover the Silent Menace in Colonel Dare's yard. Remembering Pearl's words, Brent draws his revolver and follows.

Bertha, waiting in the summer house for Adams, sees the Silent Menace with Brent following him. Brent gets the drop on the Silent Menace and as he is about to march into the house, Bertha, knowing that Pearl will marry Brent if he captures America's enemy, reaches out and grabs the army officer's gun. The Silent Menace leaps forward, strikes Brent on the head and turning to Bertha speaks: "For this you shall be repaid." "You will return my locket?" asks Bertha and the Silent Menace nods.

In Pearl's drawing room, the spirited girl refuses to believe the story which Bertha tells her. While they are there, the Silent Menace and his henchmen enter the house and make prisoners of every one except the three in the library. As Pearl is facing Bertha and Adams, the Silent Menace and his four men quietly come into the room. Brent, meanwhile, has gone for help. As the safe is blown open, Brent and his men come rushing in. The Silent Menace runs upstairs followed by Pearl. The Silent Menace locks the door and seizes Pearl by the throat. "I think we will end your interference once for all, young lady," he says. But Adams bursts through the door and overpowers him. He is led struggling to the library. Pearl turns to congratulate Adams but finds that he has disappeared. Brent and Toko go to look for him. The safe is still open. A hand reaches in and takes out the envelope containing the mobilization plans. Pearl unmasks the captured Silent Menace and finds that he is Raymond, her father's new secretary.

At this moment she sees the shadow of the Silent Menace projected through the window by the moonlight outside. They all rush to the window and see the Silent Menace disappear around the hedge holding the envelope in his hand. Pearl turns to Raymond and demands to know what it means. He smiles and shrugs. "I am merely his servant," he says."His servant unto death."

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THE FOREIGN ALLIANCE

Adams, knowing that Brent has an appointment with Bertha Bonn, comes to learn what transpires there. Pearl, suspecting him of being the Silent Menace, follows. Just as Bertha has told Brent that she no longer has the locket, a hand mysteriously comes in the window and lays it on the table. Brent attempts to take it away from her by force, but Adams vaulting lightly through the window prevents his design. As Brent as about to resist Adams' attack, he sees Pearl coming and realizes that he must not be discovered in Bertha Bonn's apartment by the girl he hopes to win.

Adams leaves and Pearl follows him. He disappears and a moment later the Silent Menace comes out of the hiding place behind which Adams had gone. Trailing him, Pearl learns that he is to meet the Foreign Alliance on board a ship in the harbor. She rows out to it and overhears the Silent Menace tell his henchmen that now all is ready. "In five days we will meet at Colon," he says. "Our submarine awaits at Barstable Inlet at 10 tonight. I will go down on this steamer which is loaded with ammunition. The American fleet is in the Pacific. On Friday next I will destroy the Canal." Pearl sneaks into the Captain's cabin and a moment later is wonderstruck when she turns and discovers Adams standing behind her. He smiles and answer her question. "I am doing the same thing you are. I've been watching this ship for two days and secretly climbed aboard here an hour ago." Pearl does not believe him. She is now sure that he is the Silent Menace. "If for any reason we get separated you have the authorities follow this ship," says Adams. "I will attend to the Foreign Alliance and their submarines. Pearl gazes at him suspiciously. Then, apparently unable to restrain himself, he takes her in his arms, kisses her and tells her that he loves her. Pearl pushes him away angrily. But somehow there is something other than anger in her eyes.

Pearl finds an empty bottle, hastily writes a note to her father and the offer of $500.00 reward to the person who will deliver it to Colonel Dare or some other government official before 10 o'clock. She throws the bottle through the porthole. No sooner has she done so than the anchor is taken up and the ship begins to move. The bottle and the note are found by two fishermen and taken to a government cutter whose commander immediately sets sail for Barstable Inlet. Here the Foreign Alliancesees the cutter coming by means of the periscope and the desperate men perpare to launch a torpedo against the government boat. Before they can do so, however, a shell from the cutter bursts the top of the submarine and the water comes pouring down into it. In a desperate, screaming, writhing, fighting mass, the Foreign Alliance meet their death. On the tramp steamer where Pearl is still a prisoner, she is amazed to discover that Adams is still aboard. "Because you were on board and the Silent Menace," he says in answer to her question. "It is more important to take him than the Foreign Alliance." Pearl backs away from him, then bitterly answers, "Why pretend any longer? I am quite sure that the Silent Menace is in board and I am his prisoner." Adams demands to know what she means. Pearl indicates that he, Adams, is the Silent Menace. He laughs. She ia again about to speak when he apparantly hears a noise in the cabin and hastily silences her.

Then he rises and indicates to Pearl to look. Pearl looks through the keyhole and sees the Silent Menace and the Captain of the submarine inconference. I am quite sure that the Silent Menace is there but she rises and stares at Adams in wonder. He only smiles.

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MODERN BUCCANEERS

Pearl Dare and Orderly T.O.Adams are prisoners on the boat which carries the Silent Menace to the Canal. Pearl still suspicious of her father's orderly, over hears the Silent Menace planning to blow up the locks. She sees him go into a motor boat, don a diving uniforn, and sink beneath the surface. In another boat Pearl and Adams follow. Adams puts on the diving suit and Pearl lowers him to the bottom where he surprises the Silent Menace wiring the secret canal mines. As Pearl operates the air pump, she reviews all the mysterious circumstances that indicate that Adams is the man plotting against the destruction of her country. She cuts the air tube just Adams begins a terrific struggle with the Silent Menace. Deprived of air, Adams collapses and is an easy victim.

The Silent Menace, having wired all the mines, goes to the light house from which the mines are controlled, In the meantime, Pearl, regretting her hasty act, has put ona diving helmet and gone to the bottom in search of Adams with whom she now realizes that she is inlove.

She reaches one of the mines just as the Silent Menace is a bout to operat e the lever that will explode it. Just in time she detatches the wire. Adams in the Silent Menace's boat, kills one of the guards and escapes. The Silent Menace realizing that something is wrong, goes ashore and encounters Pearl. He escapes after a terrific fight but his arm is broken. A few mimutes later Brent comes in, one of his arms hanging limpat his side. In his pocket are the mask and wig of the Silent Menace. Pearl is greatly surprisedby this discovery which seems to indicate conclusively that Major Brent, her fiance, is in reality the leader of the Foreign Alliance in its plot against America. She questions. Brent who explains that he broke his arm in a fall from the rocks. He said he found the wig and mask outside. Pearl expresses her disbelief of his strange story.

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THE FLAG DESPOILER

Driven to desperation by the failure of his plot to blow up the Panama Canal, the Silent Menace, America's secret enemy returns to Washington and issues a call to capture the Capitol by force. Pearl Dare the daughter of an army colonel, discovers the plot and follows the Silent Menace to the government building. Just as he is about to lower the American flag, Pearl, climbing up the flag pole, attacks him and in a desperate struggle, hurls him to the ground. She pulls Old Glory back into its place and as the Stars and Stripes again flutter in the breeze, Pearl rushes down to the yard and removes the mask of the Silent Menace. She is astounded when she learns his identity.

This fight on the flag pole is one of the features of the Pearl of the Army serial, which has been characterized by more thrills than ever attempted before. This moves quickly. Orderly Adams, who was suspected of being the Silent Menace, establishes his innocence. He tells Pearl that the fact that Major Brent's arm is broken indicates that he is the Silent Menace.

Pearl, however, is in doubt and tells Adams that her chauffeur Toko also has broken his arm at the present moment. Toko has been away for the last week visiting relatives in New York, and he broke his arm getting off the train at Washington - so he says.

At any rate, Adams, jealous, has had the temerity to remark that Pearl's reasoning is silly. Pearl answers that she has just inquired at the Washington railroad station and has learned that there is no record of the accident reported by Toko. Adams persists and finally, furious with jealousy, seizes Pearl in his arms and declares that nothing in the world will keep him from her. Pearl, however, resents such strenuous wooing and, although she secretly loves him, she sends him about his business.

Adams is sorelt disturbed when he meets Bertha Bonn, who is in love with Major Brent, but who has determined to sacrifice herself for his happiness. Bertha tells Adams that she has just seen the Silent Menace and convinces him that it is not Major Brent.

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THE COLONEL'S ORDERLY

Pearl Dare, daughter of Colonel Dare, U.S.A., discovers the Silent Menace as he was about ot lower the Stars and Stripes from a Government building, and hoist the black flag, as a signal to his silent army to capture the Capitol by storm. In a thrilling fight on the flag pole, Pearl threw the Silent Menace to the ground, and tearing off his mask while he was unconscious was astounded at the revelation. Major Brent, Pearl's fiance, who was suspected of being the Silent Menace, is cleared in the final episode, as is Orderly Adams, whose real identity up to this time was a deep mystery.

The final chapter recalls the scene of the wreck of the South-western Limited in the second episode while Captain Ralph Payne, who was convicted of treason, was being taken to prison to serve a life sentence. It was immediately after this wreck that Adams was intro-duced to the story. Payne was generally believed to have been killed.

The conclusion of Pearl of the Army sees the union of Major Brent and Bertha Bonn, his sweetheart of earlier days.

This clears the way for the marriage of Pearl to the man she really loves. It also shows the nation roused to wakefulness by the exposure of the operations of the Silent Menace, preparing to maintain peace and prosperity.

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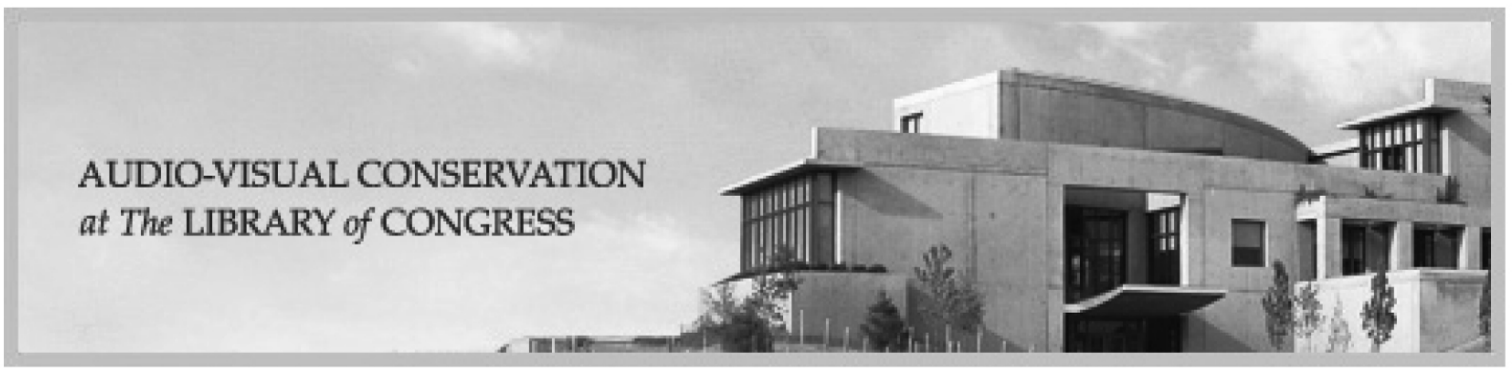

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